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Christmas Tale

Once upon a Christmas time, in a Redwood Forest not far from Carmel, lived a little man named Bloomp. He was just like everyone else, except that he was no bigger than a whisper and he had tiny legs and a big head and great, great, large pointed ears. For such a little man he had a very deeeeeeep voice and when he laughed it made the nuts fall off the trees and the birds hold their ears.

Bloomp lived in a tidy two-room redwood tree that had a little front door painted red and little windows with little curtains and little chairs and a little table and very little beds. He lived with his wife and his little boy named Bleemp.

Bleemp had lots of things to play with, out there in the big forest, but he did not have such toys as little red wagons and trucks and trains. In fact he had never seen them. For you see, the little people who live in the Redwood Forest do not have stores, and they do not go to town to shop because big people wouldn't believe in little people even if they saw them.

One day, while Bloomp was out helping the gray squirrels gather nuts, little Bleemp was playing with a cotton tail rabbit down past the big rock on the other side of the creek near the place where the Raccoon family lived. While he was playing hide and seek, Bleemp found a piece of paper with a picture on it. It was the first picture he had ever seen, and he sat for a long time and looked at it. He said oooo! And then he said Ah! and he said it over and over.

For on the paper was a picture of a shiny red wagon with white wheels and black tires and a white stripe all around.

He jumped up from where he had been sitting and ran as fast as he could. When he got home he took time to catch three big breaths and said, "See? I want one!"

His mother stopped baking her apple pie and looked at the boy. He held out the picture for her to see.

"Can I have one? Can I have one, huh?"

"Maybe," said his mother, "we'll see."

When Bloomp came home from gathering nuts with the gray squirrels, his wife told him about the picture. Bloomp nodded his head. He knew all about red wagons. His grandfather had worked at the North Pole for Santa Claus and he had told Bloomp all about red wagons. Even about some with yellow wheels.

But how could Bloomp get one for the boy? He thought and he thought. He scratched his head and walked around the room thinking. He thought and he thought and he thought. Finally he snapped his fingers and said, "I'll go to town and buy one."

His wife was so surprised that she dropped a cup and saucer, because the little people never go to town and big people never see them and the big people wouldn't believe it if they did see them and that is why they never go to town.

Anyway, Bloomp had made up his mind, so he took the short cut over the ridge and before you could say 'razzle dazzle', he was walking through the front door of a big department store.

Before he was two steps inside the door a big man in a blue suit with a white flower in his button-hole stopped him. "Why aren't you working?" said the man.

Bloomp looked up at the big, big man and he was frightened. "I don't work here," said Bloomp. "I'm just looking for a red wagon with white wheels and black tires and a white stripe all around."

"Nonsense, nonsense," said the man. "Of course you work here."

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GONE FISHIN'

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(above) exchanged Christmas gifts
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THREE AND FOUR year-old youngsters of the Carmel Parent nursery
got their introduction to the yuletide season with a pre-Xmas party.
Top right Kathy Weeks slugs down fancy ice cream with an assist
from Mrs. Pat Weeks. Sylvia Scheingold waits her turn. Joining
in the fiesta, clockwise, are Jonathan Dixon, Susie Vial, Rosalie
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WOMEN WHO DO THINGS

By BARBARA HALL

Behind the Walls

Christmas midnight, the music of "Gloria In Excelsis Deo" will drift across Highway 1 from the white Carmelite Monastery to the white sands of the shore and there mingle with the crash of breakers.

Three Masses at the monastery will be open to the public, but those visitors who think they might get a glimpse of the nuns who live there will be disappointed. They are almost never seen by anyone.

The Carmelite Nuns live a life of complete seclusion. High walls guard the privacy of their cloister. Locked doors forbid entry or exit. Communication with the outside world is made only at the "turntable", a barrel-like device with a hollowed-out part through which notes, groceries or other supplies are passed. Only the Reverend Mother herself or a nun who is specially appointed to the task may operate the turntable.

Visitors are allowed to talk with the nuns, if there is a special reason. But again, the nun is never really seen. Visitors sit in the "speak room", the nun is in an-

other room, and the two are separated by forbidding iron grating with spokes three inches long. Behind the grating are black curtains and shutters. Depending on the visitor's relationship, the nun directs whether or not the curtains and the shutters are drawn. And, the nun never removes the veil from her face.

In an emergency, a doctor may enter the cloister. The same is true for a plumber, or, as last week, a rat-extermination specialist.

After a nun has made her Final Profession, following five years as a Novice, she never again will come through the locked doors. Her life is spent inside the walls and after death she is buried there.

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ceremony; on her 25th year, her "Silver Jubilee"; and on her "Golden Jubilee".

The major function of the Carmelite Sister lies in reciting the Divine Office, the official prayer of the Church. Saying a different set of prayers for each day of the



year, the nun, who spends approximately 8 hours a day in this manner, prays as a church, not as an individual, not for herself, nor for just Catholics nor for just the Monterey Peninsula, but for you, for the world.

At the present time, there are 18 nuns, or "religious" at the Carmelite Monastery, just south of Carmel. There are 14 "Choir religious" and 4 "Lay Sisters". The "Lay Sisters" spend much of their time doing the cooking and other work of the house.

A day in the life of a Carmelite Sister goes something like this:

After rising at 5:30 p. m. (earlier in the summer), she spends an hour of meditation in the chapel. Then, until almost 8:00 she recites the Divine Office.

At 8:00 the Sisters gather in the Refectory for breakfast which usually consists of toast (without butter) and coffee (without cream). In keeping with the life of abstinence, the Sisters are on a very strict fast from September to Easter. At no time do they eat meat --protein-conscious readers take note, however, that many nuns live to be 80 or 90!

The hours before dinner, their "big" meal, which comes at 11:00, are spent doing solitary work in their cells. Since they are completely self-sufficient, there is much to be done. Making vestments, rosaries, altar cloths, are some of their occupations.

After dinner, from 12 to 1, is an hour of recreation. It is only at these recreation periods that the Sisters may talk to each other. They may tell stories or sing songs, and the listener on the other side of the wall may hear peals of laughter coming from these austere ladies. Saint Teresa, the founder of the Order, felt that there must be a balance to the strictness, and that two recreation hours each day might provide it. Games or any athletic exercises are not allowed, however.

From 2:00 to 3:00 the Sisters say the Divine Office again, followed by two hours of manual work. Often this takes a Sister into the garden which is surrounded by the high wall to the south of the Monastery. Here each sister has her own "patch" where she grows flowers used to decorate the chapels and where she spends many hours of silent meditation.

At 6:00 the Sisters gather again for a collation, a light meal, and from 6:30 to 7:30 is another hour of recreation.

Then she says the Divine Office again, and at 8:00 the "Great Silence" descends upon the Monastery. This is indeed a silence, and even in times of emergency, notes are preferred to the spoken voice.

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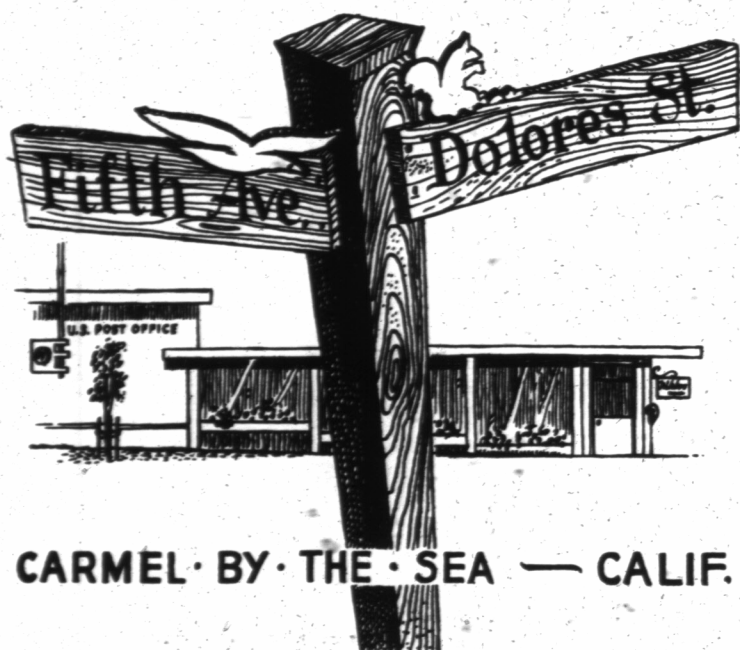
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At 9:00 the Sisters will be in the Chapel reciting the Divine Office until 10:00 when she has an hour of meditation. At 11:00 she goes to bed. In some orders, the religious will rise again at 2:00 a.m. to recite the Divine Office, but the Carmelite Sisters have an unbroken sleep--until 5:30 rising time.

A typical cell is probably about 11 x 12, with furniture consisting of a straw pallet on wooden planks,

a desk or table, and a stool with no back. The only ornament on the wall is a plain cross--unlike the familiar cross there is no body nailed to it. A symbol of their life of penance and self-renunciation, the Sister sees herself nailed to the cross.

The habit, or dress, of the Carmelite Sister is by coincidence well adapted to the Monterey Peninsula. But in the hottest part of Africa they will wear the same habit. Made of a rough brown woolen serge, the tunic is belted with leather (this is a symbol of chastity). Over the tunic is a

scapular of the same material which hangs free to the floor. The sleeves are large and loose. Around her face is white linen which leaves her forehead exposed, and then the black veil over her face. Novices wear white veils, and the Sister wears a white woolen cloak for all special functions and in the chapel.

The Carmelite Sister wears no stockings and on her feet are little rope sandals which she makes herself. This is the nearest thing to barefootedness and is a symbol of penance. For this reason the official name of the order is "Discalced Carmelites".

These are all the clothes a nun owns and even on her bed she will wear a habit.

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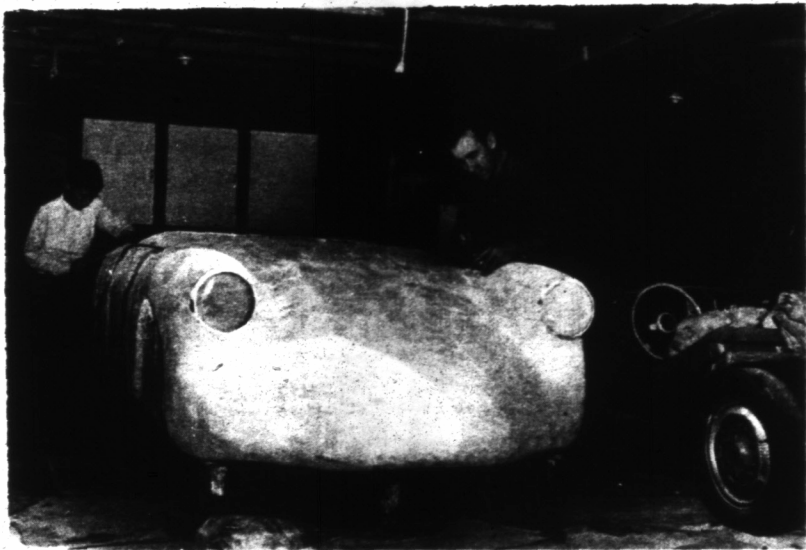
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Like other members of the cast Kenny has worked for years in Ireland's Abbey and Gate Theaters and London's Old Vic.

Unlike the others, he is also a disc jockey for Radio Station Eireann, the Irish government controlled network.

On the Dublin stage he has recently been featured in "Ring Around the Moon," "Darkness At Noon," "A Sleep of Prisoners," and Shakespeare's "Hamlet".

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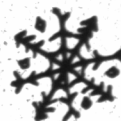


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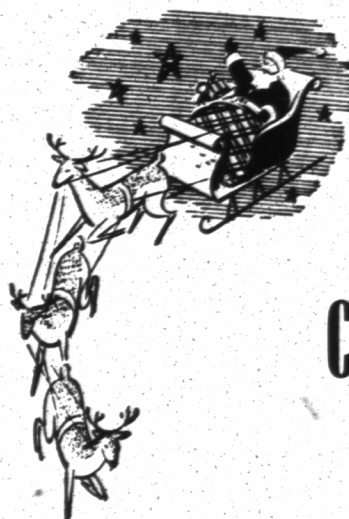
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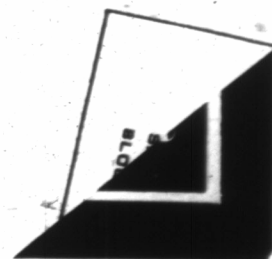
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CHARLOTTE'S WEB

"Bah!" said Scrooge. "Humbug!"

This classic commentary on Christmas, you will remember, was delivered with fine force and cynicism by Dickens' Ebenezer Scrooge to his unctuous and fatuous nephew, Fred.

These splendidly contemptuous ejaculations, rolled frequently from the tongue, serve me well in the early pre-Christmas weeks. They are useful against Boy Scouts selling wreaths, friends proposing large bowls of sickening sweet punch, carol singers, merchants with shoddy Christmas bargains, cowboy singers, almost any TV program and most books. Also ebbing bank balances.

Christmas commercialized beyond decency is not a pretty sight. Yet, I must admit, that, come a week or ten days before the day, I

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begin to exchange Scrooge's "Bah!" and "Humbug!" for Tiny Tim's "God bless us every one." It is an annual process of regeneration wrought in my case--and, I expect, in the case of most men--not by Marley's ghost and the spirits of Christmas Past, Present and Future, but by the presence in my home of three wondering, eager and warm-hearted children.

I uttered my last Scrooge-like "Bah!" the other night just before multi-colored lights blinked on in the green boughs of the Christmas tree and flickered from the windows of the candy house beneath it. It was not the lights themselves so much that did it as the reflection of those lights on six round eyes.

I filed "Humbug!" away for further use sometime after the New Year when I read and contemplated an excerpt from Jennifer's second grade Christmas essay.

"Today," it read, in majestic certainty, we will have a Christmas party at school. We will have fun."

Not for her--nor for Elspeth nor Johnny--any adult doubts about Christmas; no sense of possible party boredom; no consciousness of a religious holiday corrupted as much by its modern prophets as by greed. Just: "We will have fun." Just: "God bless us every one."

Christmas is for kids. And for the adults who--if only for a moment--understand kids and can remember from their childhood Wordsworth's intimations of immortality.

Before anyone hastens to remind me that I'm here to write reviews and not to indulge in Christmas fancies, I'd better say that this is all an effort to bring to your attention a wonderful Christmas work--CHARLOTTE'S WEB by E. B. White (Harper & Brothers, \$2.50).

This is not a new book and actually it has little to do with Christmas as such. Yet if Christmas is for kids and for those of childlike faith in minor and pleasant miracles, few writers have written a better holiday book than Mr. White's.

Wilbur, the radiant pig, Charlotte A. Cavatica, the grey spider,

Templeton, the rat, and all the other wonderful people who live on Zuckerman's farm are all beyond forgetting. The book is to be read aloud, and if the adult reader and

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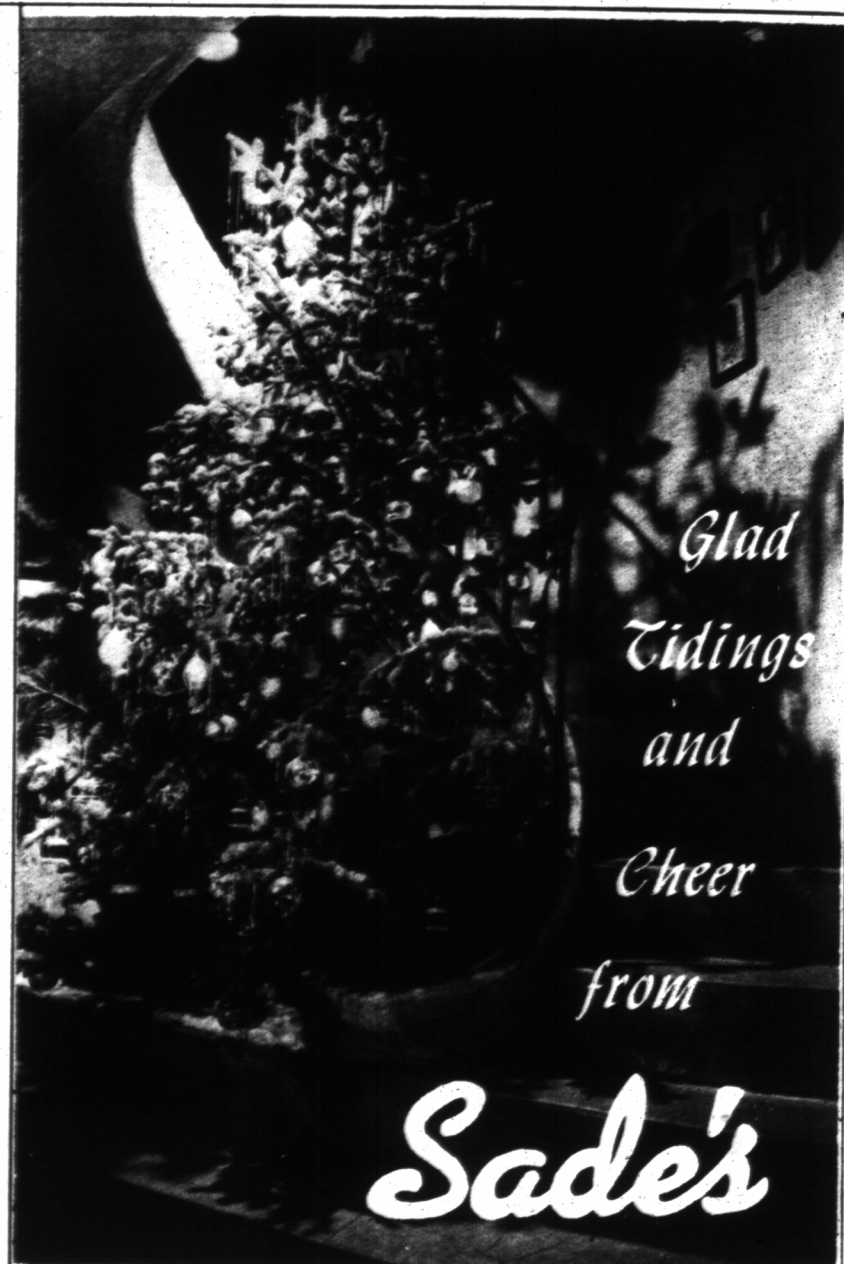
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of Carmel Valley, exists entirely on donations and on its own self-sufficiency. A vegetable garden is nearby, and ranchers from the area have been generous with gifts of food. "We've had celery in every imaginable disguise for the past month", said our guide. "And when we have artichokes we really have artichokes!"

Besides the Sisters, at present the inhabitants of the "community" include two "externes" who are liaison officers between the public and the Sisters. Fortunately they are both musicians--Ruth Hallisy of New York City sings and Irene Rachton of Chicago, plays the organ. They live at the Monastery, take care of the public and all of the dealings with the outside world. They receive no salary.

Another externe, a young Mexican girl from Pacific Grove who lived at the Monastery until a few months ago, plans to enter the Carmelite Order at Berkeley, which was founded by Noel Sullivan in the next few months. Already she has the look of a Carmelite nun. At 25, she looks 16. The sisters are reputed to look half their age, as any one who saw Mother Alberta at her Golden Jubilee a few years ago. She was 80 but anyone who saw her said she looked to be about 40.

Father Garbero, who says Mass and conducts Benediction at the Monastery, said, "There is a powerhouse of prayer here." We on the Monterey Peninsula might give pause this Christmas and hope that this powerhouse may help to bring peace on earth and good will to men.



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The bride-elect attended Dominican Convent, San Rafael, California, and was graduated from the University of Minnesota, where she was affiliated with Alpha Phi. She is now an instructor at Santa Catalina School for Girls, Monterey, California. She has four sisters, Carmelita and Gloria, both at home; Mrs. Ralph Gomez of San Francisco and Mrs. William Kunz of Minneapolis.

The future benedict attended St. James School in Maryland, Cates School in Carpinteria.

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his pint-sized listener sometimes laugh or sigh for different reasons, that is so much more to the credit of Mr. White's genius.

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roll by before you notice. However, at that I got in a little fishing and some hunting last year and it is my intention to get more next year, starting, if possible,

in January.

If Santa Claus brings me some of the gear I hope to get I'm going to be hard to hold in town on Xmas Day. I remember the first Xmas when I got a twenty-two rifle, I must have been about ten, and breakfast was hardly over when I roused out my dad and my older brother so that we could go rabbit hunting.

That used to be almost a standard custom in our part of the country, northern Tennessee. On Thanksgiving and Xmas the men would go rabbit hunting and the womenfolk got the dinner while we were gone. I have always thought that the custom was started by the women in order to have the menfolk out from under foot for most of the day.

Anyway, at that time of the year there was always frost and sometimes snow and, at least in memory, it was extremely exciting, watching every bush and briar-patch for a rabbit, stirring them out, and sometimes getting them with a clean shot. Dad would never let us boys shoot sitting game and believe me, it took a lot of practice before you could hit a rabbit who was running in high gear, even one of the big hares we used to have in the hill country.

Sometimes we would go over to Snake Run turkey hunting and let me tell you, the first time you got a gobbler to answer and come to your calling on a wood and slate yelper, or turkey call, you felt like a combination of Daniel Boone and Cooper's "Leatherstocking".

I think that sort of thing is a part of growing up that no kid should miss and I certainly hope that a lot of them will start their shooting careers this year. I do hope, though, that any presentation of a powder arm to a boy is done with full intent of not letting it stop there.

You owe the boy the companionship of going out with him, teaching him the right and wrong way of handling his new gun, and inculcating in him the knowledge that a sportsman is not just one who kills, but that the important thing is the enjoyment of getting out in the wood and field, finding out all he can about the game, and outguessing and outfiguring the animals he hunts.

The best hunter is one who enjoys himself equally whether or not he comes home with a full bag, as long as his lungs are full of fresh air, and his body has the pleasant weariness of a day spent away from paved streets and the stink of modern civilization.

Progress is wonderful, but it will take many years of conditioning before carbon monoxide and exhaust gas smell as good as pine boughs or sagebrush to a normal healthy male human. Happy Holidays!

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A Christmas Tale

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I ought to know. I'm third assistant manager. You're one of Santa's helpers. Why aren't you working?"

"Oh, no," said Bloomp, "You're thinking of grandfather. He was one of Santa's helpers. I'm just..." And the big man cut him off.

"Follow me!" he said in a stern voice. Bloomp followed the third assistant manager through the store, up the elevator, down a long hall and they entered through a door which was labeled second assistant manager.

The second assistant manager was bigger and he wore a brown suit with a red flower in his button-hole. "Why aren't you working?" said the second assistant manager.

"Oh," laughed Bloomp, "I don't work here. Grandfather worked here, but I'm just looking for a red wagon with white wheels and black tires and a white stripe all around."

"Nonsense, nonsense," said the second assistant manager. "Of course you work here. Why else would you be dressed like that? You're one of Santa's helpers. Follow me!"

Bloomp followed the second assistant manager and the third assistant manager down a long corridor, around two corners and up three steps where they entered through a door marked "assistant manager".

The assistant manager was even bigger and fatter than the others. He wore a checkered suit with a yellow flower in the button-hole.

"I'm a busy man, a busy man. Time is money," he said. "I can't be bothered. Follow me!"

They all followed. Down a longer corridor around five corners, up six steps and through a door labeled with gold letters, "Manager".

The manager was a little man with a bald head. He wore a black suit with no flower in the button-hole. "Why aren't you working?" he asked.

"I don't work here. Please, all I want is a red wagon with white wheels and black tires and a white stripe all around."

"I've never heard such nonsense," said the manager and he pointed to the door. "You're fired!" he said to Bloomp.

"But don't you see," said Bloomp, "I don't work here."

"Out!" said the manager and all the assistant managers.

Bloomp lowered his head and walked out. He went down the steps, along the corridors, around the corners and down more steps to the next floor.

"Bloomp!" shouted a loud voice. "Hello there, Bloomp!"

Bloomp turned to see who knew his name and he saw a fat jolly man with long white whiskers who wore a red suit and a red hat.

"Hello, Santa Claus," said Bloomp.

"What are you doing here?" asked Santa Claus in his kindly voice.

"I was looking for a red wagon with white wheels and black tires and a white stripe all around," said Bloomp, "but a lot of big men told me if I didn't work for you I wasn't real."

"Ho, ho, ho," said Santa Claus. "Of course you're real, Bloomp. And you shall have your red wagon. But first, I'd like you to do me a favor. I need a helper for the final rush on Christmas Eve and I'd like you to take your grandfather's place."

Of course Bloomp couldn't refuse and it was he who hitched Rudolph the red-nosed reindeer to Santa's sleigh on Christmas Eve. And, by the way, Santa delivered the red wagon with the white wheels and the black tires and the white stripe all around and to this day Bloomp uses it to carry fire wood and nuts and berries to his little house in the Redwood Tree. --Stuart James

Xmas Decoration Contest Winners

Wilder and Jones and Browse-Around Music Store this week shared top honors in Xmas store decorations.

Judges of the Carmel Business Association awarded Wilder and Jones a first prize for outdoor exhibits--an animated exhibit of Santa and his sleigh. They were also awarded a second prize for indoor display window for their unique Santa workshop.

Erica Franke's panel painting of medieval musicians took the first prize for indoor window decorations for the Browse-Around.

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